

Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy  
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

Minutes and results of hearing, October 21, 2003

Board Members Present: Mr. Brent, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Wampler

1. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit AW-102, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. VGOB-03-0819-1165. Continued from September.

In the AW-102 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 99.5% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.5% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 0.36 net acres in three tracts with over 50 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and conflicting claimants subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit to drill the unit was issued on November 20, 2002. Pooling was approved.

2. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane gas unit AV-99, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. VGOB-03-0916-1185. Continued from September.

In the AV-99 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 86.7% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 13.3% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 6.9 net acres in seven tracts with five unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow and owners subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 5/22/03 and a well has been drilled and completed. Pooling was approved.

3. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for a well location exception for proposed well V-501819, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1198.

The applicant seeks an exception in order to drill a conventional well closer to an existing well than allowed under statewide spacing. The well is to be 159 feet closer to existing gas well P-110 than the 2500 feet mandated by spacing. The exception is needed to prevent loss of resources. No permit application has been submitted. The location exception was approved.

4. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-505228, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1199.

In the VC-505228 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 47.4% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 52.6% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 30.9 net acres in one tract with unknown owners. There are conflicting claimants and unknown owners subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 9/17/03. Pooling was approved.

5. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-4492, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1200.

In the VC-4492 unit, the operator controls 99.0% of the coalbed methane interests and 96.9% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 1.0% of the coalbed methane interests and 3.1% of the gas interests. Unleased coalbed methane acreage subject to pooling totals 0.58 net acres in one tract with three unleased owners, and gas acreage subject to pooling totals 1.8 net acres in two tracts with four unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 6/8/00 and renewed on 4/6/02. Pooling was approved.

6. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit BC-102, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1201.

In the BC-102 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 99.6% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.4% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 0.21 net acres in one tract with 29 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and owners subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 12/9/02 and a well has been drilled and completed. Pooling was approved.

7. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit BC-107, New Garden District, Russell County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1202.

In the BC-107 unit, the operator controls 99.1% of the coalbed methane and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.9% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 0.52 net acres in two tracts with six unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 9/5/03. Pooling was approved.

8. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit EE-39, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1203.

In the EE-39 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 99.5% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.5% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 0.4 net acres in one tract with six unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 10/24/00 and a well has been drilled and producing since 1/03. Pooling was approved.

9. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit BD-101, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1204.

In the BD-101 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 68.1% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 31.9% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 18.7 net acres in five tracts with 86 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 2/20/03 and a well has been drilled and completed. Pooling was approved.

10. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit EE-37, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1205.

In the EE-37 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 90.4% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 9.6% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 7.66 net acres in three tracts with four unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and owners subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 8/28/00 and a well has been drilled and on production since 1/03. Pooling was approved.

11. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit FF-37, Maiden Springs and New Garden Districts, Tazewell and Russell Counties, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1206.

In the FF-37 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 40.7% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 59.3% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 53.1 net acres in six tracts with five unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow and owners subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

12. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit FF-38, Maiden Spring District, Tazewell County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1207.

In the FF-38 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 67.1% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 32.9% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 29.4 net acres in eight tracts with 77 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and owners subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 10/11/00 and a well has been drilled and on production since 1/03. Pooling was approved.

13. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit FF-39, Maiden Spring District, Tazewell County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1208. In the FF-39 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 81.0% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 19.0% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 17.0 net acres in seven tracts with 11 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow and owners subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 5/10/01 and a well has been drilled and on production since 1/03. Pooling was approved.

14. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit Y-1, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1209. In the Y-1 unit, the operator controls 98.3% of the coalbed methane and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 1.7% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 1.4 net acres in one tract with 34 unleased owners. There are no conflicting claimants but there are unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 9/3/02 and a well has been drilled and completed. Pooling was approved.

15. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit Z-22, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1210. In the Z-22 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coalbed methane interests and 94.7% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 5.3% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage subject to pooling totals 4.2 net acres in two tracts with 11 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 6/10/03 and a well has been drilled. Pooling was approved.

16. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for a well location exception for proposed well V-550450, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1211.

The applicant seeks an exception in order to drill a conventional well closer to two existing wells than allowed under statewide spacing. The proposed well is to be 43 feet closer to existing gas well P-391 and 114 feet closer to existing gas well P-127 than the 2500 feet mandated by spacing. The exception is needed to prevent loss of resources. No permit application has been submitted. The location exception was approved.

17. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for a well location exception for proposed well V-550449, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1212.

The applicant seeks an exception in order to drill a conventional well closer to an existing well than allowed under statewide spacing. The well is to be 193 feet closer to existing gas well P-85 than the 2500 feet mandated by spacing. The exception is needed to prevent loss of resources. No permit application has been submitted. The location exception was approved.

18. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for a well location exception for proposed well V-502719, Lipps District, Wise County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1213.

The applicant seeks an exception in order to drill a conventional well closer to three existing wells than allowed under statewide spacing. The proposed well is to be 15 feet closer to existing gas well V-2338, 195 feet closer to existing gas well V-2349, and 340 feet closer to existing gas well P-366 than the 2500 feet mandated by spacing. The exception is needed to prevent loss of resources. No permit application has been submitted. The location exception was approved.

19. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of conventional gas unit V-505251, Lipps District, Wise County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1214.

In the proposed V-505251 conventional gas unit, the applicant controls 76.5% of the oil and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 23.5% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 26.5 net acres in 11 tracts having 15 unleased owners. There are no unlocated owners subject to escrow. No permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

20. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of conventional gas unit V-550323, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1215.

In the proposed V-550323 conventional gas unit, the applicant controls 28.5% of the oil and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 71.5% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 80.5 net acres in one tract having unlocated owners who are subject to escrow. No permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

21. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of conventional gas unit V-535432, Lipps District, Wise County, Virginia. VGOB-03-1021-1216.

In the proposed V-535432 conventional gas unit, the applicant controls 90.1% of the oil and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 9.9% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 11.2 net acres in five tracts having seven unleased owner. There are no unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

The deadline for filing of petitions to the Board for the November 2003 hearing is 5 p.m., October 17, 2003 with the hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia.